Writing off of debts by banks

2467. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Non-Performing Assets of each of the public sector banks as on 28th February, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that recently huge amount of debt has been written off by a public sector bank; and

(c) if so, the details of the amount written off by each of the banks together with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) The quantum of gross Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of each of the public sector banks as on 31st March, 2001 as reported by RBI is given in the Annexure.

(b) and (c) Banks write-off bad debts after all possible efforts for recovery have failed and there are no further prospects for recovery. Technical write offs are also resorted to for availing tax benefits. In such cases efforts for recovery continue despite write-off. During the financial year 2000-2001, public sector banks had written off bad debts totalling Rs. 500230 crores. The bank-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Bank-wise details of the written off amount

(Rupees in crores)

S. No.	Name of the public sector banks	Gross NPA as on 31.3.2001	Bad debts written off during 2000-01
1	2	3	4
1.	State Bank of India	15875	1104.83
2.	State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	715	94.62
3.	State Bank of Hyderabad	1075	120.52
4.	State Bank of Indore	325	57.84

1	2	3	4
5.	State Bank of Mysore	581	64.43
6.	State Bank of Patiala	695	80.25
7.	State Bank of Saurashtra	569	31.70
8.	State Bank of Travancore	758	113.61
9.	Allahabad Bank	1821	57.54
10.	Andhra Bank	470	80.95
11.	Bank of Baroda	4186	465.60
12.	Bank of India	3434	324.34
13.	Bank of Maharashtra	877	78.03
14.	Canara Bank	2243	556.14
15.	Central Bank of India	3253	242.54
16.	Corporation Bank	485	33.76
17.	Dena Bank	1928	53.73
18.	Indian Bank	2359	215.85
19.	Indian Overseas Bank	1631	175.06
20.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	586	256.69
21.	Punjab & Sind Bank	1026	0.57
22.	Punjab National Bank	3460	97.04

1	2	3	4
23.	Syndicate Bank	1075	119.74
24.	UCO Bank	1284	135.38
25.	Union Bank of India	2056	53.42
26.	United Bank of India	1411	385.48
27.	Vijaya Bank	595	2.64
	Total	54773	5002.30

Reduction in annual grants for Karnataka

2468. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have decided to reduce the annual grants for Karnataka by about Rs. 600 crores for the year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and possible implications of the reduction on the financial health of the State; and

(c) the cuts suggested in the annual plans for other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) An amount of Rs. 2847.31 crores was released to the Government of Karnataka against the total allocation of Rs. 3173.44 crores made in respect of various items of Central assistance for the Annual Plan 2001-02. The reduction in release of funds was on account of shortfall in respect of tied/scheme specific funds, where releases are linked to performance and are based on utilisation of funds or based on reimbursements. States have been advised to step up Plan performance so that Plan funds can be fully utilised.